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"Down on the Farm"
at Old Cowtown Museum

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(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Percherons, Belgians and Clydesdales will be on hand at Old Cowtown Museum on July 28-29 for the annual "Down on the Farm/Ag Days." Visitors will have the opportunity to observe the differences in the three breeds of draft horses, as well as see demonstrations of the various types of work the animals were commonly used for in late 1800s agriculture. Threshing demonstrations, corn cracking and possibly plowing demonstrations will be included.

Other activities at the 1880s DeVore Farm will include lard rendering, beer making, a harvest lunch, milking and chair caning. The Blacksmith shop will feature horseshoeing activities, and the Kansas Draft Horse/Mule Council will be on hand in the Business District to educate the public on both historic and contemporary roles of the draft horse and mule.

On Saturday, July 29, the seven-week-old shorthorn calf born on June 7 will be officially named. The winner of the "Name the Calf Contest" will be invited to preside of the naming ceremony and will also receive the prize package of a year-long family membership and Museum Gift Store "goodies".

Old Cowtown Museum recreates life in an 1870s Kansas cattle town. Cowtown is open Monday through Saturday, 10am-5pm, and on Sundays, 12 noon-5pm. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, Thursday hours are 10am-8pm. The Museum is located at 1871 Sim Park Drive in Wichita's *Museums on the River District*.

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